

NC-4 FLIES ACROSS ATLANTIC

BREAKING UP OF AUSTRIAN EMPIRE BIG WAR RESULT

Simonds Calls Dissolution of Austria-Hungary Most Far-Reaching Effect of Victory Won by Allied Nations

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PARIS, May 31.—While the Germans are still debating the peace terms served upon them, the Austro-Hungarian empire is in its turn passing before the conference of Paris, and, in fact, submitting to final dissolution. No single change following the war can have more far-reaching effects for the future in Europe than the total liquidation of that empire which only a few brief months ago was, next to Russia, the largest in population.

Today, as a result of the settlement which was made in the treaty of St. Germain, the Austrians and Hungarians, who combined to rule an empire of 260,000 square miles, with a population of more than 51 millions, will find themselves restricted to an area of a little more than 100,000 square miles, and a population of hardly 15 millions. This population and this area will be fairly evenly divided between the two ruling races of the old Austro-Hungarian empire, the Germans and the Magyars.

We have, then, a complete disruption of one of the great empires of modern history. A hundred years ago at the congress of Vienna, Austria, represented by Metternich, had decisive influence. For 40 years thereafter, this influence remained. Prior to the congress of Vienna, France and Austria for two centuries had been rivals for the rebirth of national aspirations among the subject peoples of the Hapsburg empire. Above all the Pan-Slavic aspirations of the Serbs, Poles, Czechs, Croats and Slovaks have combined to destroy utterly what has been one of the most powerful forces in European history.

It is worth recalling again that this world war which we now liquidate had its occasion in the assassination of the Austrian archduke, the emperor's son, who was shot five years ago. It is worth remembering that this war had its origin in the Balkans, where the result of the Balkan wars had been the dismemberment of the Balkan peninsula, and the Balkan states were being carved out of the ruins of the empire which would have been the result of the Balkan wars.

The Austrians challenged the Serbs because the ruling race believed that if Serbia were crushed the Slavs within the empire would be forced to abandon separatist aspirations. Germany supported Austria, because German hopes and ambitions rested squarely upon the preservation of the existing rulers in the Austro-Hungarian empire. When Russia and Great Britain were brought inevitably into the struggle, when Italy finally joined, then it became a world war. It was the other issues of the war, only German victory could save Austria from the fate of the other empires. The Austro-Hungarian empire was temporarily laid aside, but the sudden change in the situation last summer, and the collapse of Austria at Piave last autumn, the Hapsburg monarchy suddenly dissolved, fell apart into fragments, and now it is the business of the Paris conference to determine the frontiers between these fragments.

The collapse of so great an empire must necessarily produce consequences too far-reaching to be fully appreciated at the moment. Five years ago the three great empires of Europe, Russia and Eastern Europe were dominating factors in all European calculations. Today Austria is a mass of incoherent fragments, Russia is in a state of anarchy, and Germany, for the moment at least, has been reduced to a great state of anarchy. The great states of Europe have disappeared and republics have replaced royalty. It has been the business of the Paris conference to determine the frontiers between these fragments.

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CITY CLUB APPOINTS TAXATION COMMITTEE

A committee to study the needs for an auditorium in the city, and to make recommendations with its report, was named by the City club at a luncheon today. The committee will study city, county and state taxes, and the needs for an auditorium. The committee is composed of George R. James, chairman, Henry Craft, P. P. Williams, A. E. Jennings, J. P. Farnsworth, and Dr. Frank A. Jones. C. C. Pasby, J. A. Peters and C. R. Shannon.

VILLA TROOPS BEING MOBILED AT TONCHU

AQUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mex., May 31.—Passengers arriving from the interior of the state report that Villa followers are concentrating in the neighborhood of Tonchuh, a railroad station about 20 kilometers west of the Chihuahua state capital. According to the passengers, the Villa followers are leaving the state, fearing violence at the hands of the federal forces. The Villa followers are leaving the state, fearing violence at the hands of the federal forces. The Villa followers are leaving the state, fearing violence at the hands of the federal forces.

NEW U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD

HOMER L. FERGUSON, newly elected president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, is president and general manager of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, of Newport News, Va. He was born at Waynesboro, N. March 8, 1878. He is a graduate of the United States Naval academy and Glasgow University, Scotland.

CHARACTER CLASS TO HAVE NEW HOME

Great Madison Heights Bible Class Will Erect Building Opposite Church. Immediate steps will be taken toward the erection of a new building in which to carry on the work of the Character Builders' Bible class of the Madison Heights church. A lot adjoining the church, facing on Chicago street, has been purchased by the class and architects are now working on plans and estimates for the building. The estimates on the cost of the building have not yet been received, but definite plans have been made for the three-story building, July 15 and 16, to obtain the amount necessary.

SECRET PLENARY ALREADY BEGINS AT PARIS

PARIS, May 31.—The secret plenary session of the peace conference to hear the peace terms to be submitted to the Austrian delegation met at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The doors of the French foreign office were closed promptly at the hour appointed for the meeting. Premier Clemenceau, as president of the peace conference, today replied to the last two German notes. The official statements on the replies have not yet been issued.

COMMITTEE OF 100 HAS GONE OUT OF EXISTENCE

At a meeting of members of the citizens' committee of 100 held Friday night, the members of the executive committee, through the chairman, Robert R. Ellis, made it final report. The committee, which was originally organized last year to place candidates for municipal offices in the field, and to prepare the peace of Europe, has been disbanded. The committee was organized last year to place candidates for municipal offices in the field, and to prepare the peace of Europe, has been disbanded.

FRANK GAILOR WILL SURVIVE OPERATION

Lieut. Frank Hoyt Gailor, son of Bishop and Mrs. Gailor, is recovering from a serious operation at the Baptist Memorial hospital, where he was taken Thursday. The operation was necessary to restore the hearing in one ear, which had been almost destroyed as the result of his being severely gassed during the operations near Bellefonte wood, while he was an officer in a British artillery unit. Although it was a most serious one, the operation was successful, and Gailor was reported out of danger and on the road to recovery. The surgeons in attendance believe that his hearing will be completely restored.

VICTIMS OF AUTO AND CAR CRASH IMPROVING

Remaining in a critical condition at the Baptist Memorial hospital, Mrs. Beulah Rhea, 2066 Felix avenue, who was injured Thursday night when a street car of the Normal school line wrecked an automobile containing five women at the intersection of the street and the Normal school line, is improving. Her injuries consist of a concussion of the brain and body bruises.

DAIRYMAN IS FINED

According to J. A. Mantel, city chemist, milk delivered by C. C. Cowan, dairyman, Whitehaven, Tenn., showed a skimming of 15 per cent. Cowan, arrested by C. L. Hays, inspector of the health department, was fined \$25 for violating the pure food law Saturday by Judge Fitzhugh in the police court.

EXPOSE BARONS OF WHISKY

Early Months of 1919 Saw Greatest Activity—Marshall's Force Inadequate, He Says—Sentences Imposed. Story of the embezzlement of Barrett, with purses well filled, tried to fly to the south during the early months of 1919, and how many of them were apprehended in the act of getting the protection they sought, are promised by Taylor, former deputy marshal in the office, former deputy United States marshal for the Western district of Tennessee. Taylor stated to News-Scimitar reporter that the time was not ripe for a formal statement, but that when a proper time comes, he will tell all he knows about the liquor traffic in and into Memphis which was engaged in an honest effort to suppress it.

French Premier's Daughter Honored

MADAME JACQUEMAIRE. This is a new picture of Madame Jacquemaire, daughter of Premier Clemenceau. She is seen wearing the cross de guerre, one of the many decorations she received for heroic war work.

RECORDS FALL IN BIG RACE

Classic 500-Mile Race at Indianapolis Has 33 Starters. De Palma Leads at 100 Miles With New Mark. BULLETIN. INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—Arthur Thurnham turned over on the north turn on the 44th lap. It was reported from the judge's stand he was killed and his mechanic seriously injured. INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—The 500-mile international automobile race started under a sweltering sun at 8 o'clock this morning. Indications at the start were that previous records would be broken. The hum of big motors filled the air from daybreak until the race began. Airplanes flew over the speedway early in the day, and mingled their roar with that of the racing cars being tuned for the long grind.

Supreme Court Delivers Opinions

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 31. (Sp.)—The supreme court today rendered opinions in following Shelby county cases: I. Hall vs. National City Bank of Memphis, chancellor's decree affirmed awarding judgment of \$1,700 in favor of the bank. W. Ivy vs. Binswanger & Co., court of appeals and lower court; reversed. County court sustained the appeal. Cleveland Durant vs. State, carrying a pilot; reversed and cause remanded. Squire Horn, (col.) vs. State, murder; affirmed. Henry Hurst vs. W. W. Farris; affirmed. J. McCree vs. Johnston et al.; affirmed. Rank of Madison vs. Bright; petition denied. J. B. R. vs. Hunter Wilson; transferred to court of civil appeals. J. H. Gamble vs. Paine, Tipton county court of appeals and circuit court; reversed. County court sustained the appeal. Cole-McIntire-Norfolk Co. vs. A. S. Holloway, writ denied. The following criminal cases were disposed of: Elizabeth Dies vs. Fidelity and Casualty Co., writ denied. Ida P. Hawkins vs. William J. Hawkins, writ denied. Thomas H. Hayes et al. vs. N. C. & T. L. Railway and Union railway, Shelby county, writ denied. Josie Sandhorne vs. Lulu A. Yerkes, Shelby county, writ denied. J. W. Ivie, plaintiff in error, vs. Binswanger and Co., Shelby county, writ denied.

Three Steps Necessary

To do that, three things will be necessary: first, of course, thorough organization; next, education as to the record of the Democratic party during the last four years, and third, to assist in securing the necessary financial support, without which no national campaign can be successfully carried on. "I never saw a more enthusiastic gathering than that of the men and women who met at the headquarters of the Democratic party in Chicago. The men were determined to show the country that the Democratic party is worthy of the support of the people. They were ready to prove that they know how to vote and how to organize, too."

First Wedding In Air To Culminate "Flying" Courtship

HOUSTON, Texas, May 31.—The first aerial marriage ceremony in the United States, and at Berkeley and Sacramento, Cal. He is noted for a transcontinental motorcycle trip from Boston to Los Angeles which he completed in 14 days. The couple will be married in a Handley-Page bombing plane.

Bolshevik Evacuation of Orenburg Reported

LONDON, May 31.—The evacuation of Orenburg, one of the last Bolshevik strongholds in Southern Russia, is suggested in a Russian official wireless message received today from Moscow. The message says that to the west of Orenburg the Bolsheviks abandoned their "under enemy pressure."

RECEIVED BY POPE

ROME, May 31.—Dr. Jose Vicente Concha, former president of Colombia, presented his credentials today as minister to the Vatican for that country and was received in solemn audience by Pope Benedict.

INSTANT FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC BEING DISCUSSED

Huge Naval Seaplane Completes Long Journey by Landing Safely at Plymouth After Trip From Ferrol.

PLYMOUTH, May 31.—It has been learned here unofficially that there is a prospect that the American seaplane NC-4 may fly home over the direct Atlantic route from Ireland to Newfoundland. It is understood a conference will be held here shortly to discuss the project. American naval officers say the NC-4 is in better condition than when she began her flight. Furthermore, the experience gained by all the NC-4's navigators and pilots would prove of inestimable benefit should the return flight be attempted.

The NC-4 completed her long flight from the U. S. today. She arrived here from Ferrol, Spain, on the last lap of her journey in 11 days, 15 hours, 51 minutes and 23 seconds (1:26 p.m. Greenwich time). Keen interest in the event and the fine weather which favored a rainy morning brought out large crowds to greet the arriving Americans, the great number of whose names were on the list of the harbor at 2:22 o'clock. NC-4, making a dashing finish, swept quickly landward and three minutes later had settled down on the waters of the harbor to the accompaniment of cheers from the crowds and salutes from all the steam craft within sight—her memorable trans-Atlantic trip ended.

She had been in the air for 11 days, 15 hours, 51 minutes and 23 seconds (1:26 p.m. Greenwich time). The seaplane's progress was reported several times in the night across the month of the bay of Biscay, first by the second station ship, the destroyer Blanche, which was in the bay at 7 o'clock, and next by station No. 4, the destroyer Hazeled, at 9 o'clock. The NC-4 was then half way across the bay of Biscay and by noon she had completed this section of her voyage, passing between the coast of France and the coast of Ireland, between 12 and 12:30 o'clock.

Bank Clearings Almost Double Last May Total

Reflecting the large increase in the volume of business done during the month of May, the clearings of the banks of Memphis for the period were nearly twice what they were for the same time in 1918. Figures announced Saturday by the clearing house association show a total of \$4,538,792.36 for this month, as compared with \$2,458,792.36 for May, 1918. One explanation for the big gain is the fact that the volume of business done during the month was unusually large and at prices higher than a year ago. It is stated by bank officials that this was not sufficient to account for more than part of it.

ONLY 8 CLEAR DAYS IN MONTH OF MAY

There were only eight clear days in the month of May. On 21 days rain fell, according to the records of the U. S. weather bureau. At the time of the clearing house figures, the weather bureau, others were cloudy. The month was a wet one. It was not so much so as the average period would think. The total rainfall for the month was 4.34 inches. A total of 5.25 inches of rain fell during the month. Normal precipitation for May is 4.34 inches. This record in many respects is a record. It is the only one of the kind in the history of the clearing house. It is the only one of the kind in the history of the clearing house.

500-MILE "HOP" ENDS TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The American naval trans-Atlantic flight, which began at Rockaway beach, Long Island, May 8, was successfully completed today. The seaplane, NC-4, after a 500-mile hop from Ferrol, Spain, announced its arrival at Plymouth, England, at 2:22 p.m. The seaplane, NC-4, after a 500-mile hop from Ferrol, Spain, announced its arrival at Plymouth, England, at 2:22 p.m.

STREET CAR FARES IN ARGUMENT STAGE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 31. (Sp.)—Gen. Luke E. Wright opened the argument of the case for a 10-cent fare increase before the public utilities commission this morning. He was still talking when adjournment was taken at noon.

THE WORLD OUTLOOK

(By the Associated Press.) With a plenary session of the peace conference for reading the Austrian peace terms set for this afternoon, efforts were continued during the forenoon to bring the Italian-Jugo-Slav dispute over the Adriatic question to a final adjustment. The Jugo-Slav delegates, however, are said to be setting up obstacles, proving for the present, at least, more unyielding than the Italians. Meanwhile, there has been no indication of what action the allied conference purpose taking in regard to the counter-proposals to the peace terms presented by Germany. It has been pointed out, however, that the greater part of the German objections have been answered in advance of the formal presentation of the counter-proposals. It is known, too, that the allied powers have made preparations for almost immediate action in the event the Germans refuse to sign the treaty. In this connection, the reported statement of Premier Lloyd George early this week, to the effect that if the Germans did not sign the document at Versailles they would do so at Berlin, may be considered significant. Friday was an unusually inactive day for the peace conference, pending the completion of the translation of the German proposals into French and English. Attention for the day was confined for the most part to honoring the memories of American soldiers who fell on the battlefields of the war. Military developments in the international situation include a reported Polish reverse in Volhynia, the Russian Bolsheviks claiming to have driven the Poles from Rovno. This is the only sector, however, where the Bolsheviks are claiming any gains of no importance. Another development has been in Asia Minor, where the process of taking control of the coast from the Turks is continuing. In this process the Greeks have landed new forces at Avlari, northwest of Smyrna, at which latter port allied forces were disembarked two weeks ago.